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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 5, 2006 and the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2006, the time for response to which is extended one month by the accompanying petition from May 23, 2006 to June 23, 2006, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.